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1. OUR ADVICE ON JUNE 17 TO REBOURS, NATIONAL'S LOCAL REP, WAS TO SETTLE FOR EXTRA SECTIONS ON THE FOUR FREQUENCIES DGAC HAS ALREADY AUTHORIZED FOR MIAMI-PARIS SERVICE, BUT REBOURS WAS INCLINED TO ASK FOR THE WHOLE PACKAGE IN ACCORDANCE HIS INSTRUCTIONS. (THIS WOULD HAVE INVOLVED THREE ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES TO PROVIDE DAILY SERVICE, PLUS EXTRA SECTION AS NEEDED ON DAILY BASIS & NOT JUST UP TO FOUR EXTRA SECTIONS WEEKLY AS DEPT. HAD BEEN INFORMED) REF A.

2. BEFORE WE COULD CONTACT ESPEROU JUNE 20, BROCK, WHO HAD ARRIVED IN PARIS IN MEANTIME, PHONED ESPEROU AND REQUESTED APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS IN EVENT US-UK SUSPECTION. BROCK AND REBOURS HAVE APPOINTMENT JUNE 20 AFTERNOON WITH ESPEROU'S DEPUTY, THIEBLEMENT.

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3. BROCK INFORMED US NATIONAL NOW THOUGHT BEST COURSE MIGHT BE SIMPLY TO ASK DGAC TO APPROVE DIVERSION OF NATIONAL'S MIAMI-LONDON FLIGHTS TO PARIS RATHER THAN PRESENTING PROBLEM AS SPECIFIC ADDITIONS ON CONTINGENCY BASIS TO MIAMI-PARIS SERVICE AS NOW APPROVED. AUTHORIZATION FOR DIVERSIONS WOULD INITIALLY BE FOR ONLY UNTIL

JULY 1. WE THOUGH THAT OF THE TWO ALTERNATIVES THIS MIGHT BE PREFERABLE, THOUGH WARNED THAT WE WERE NOT AT ALL OPTIMISTIC DGAC WOULD TAKE EARLY ACTION. NATIONAL'S MIAMI-PARIS SERVICE HAD AFTER ALL BE JUSTIFIED LARGELY ON NEED PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE GATEWAY PRECISELY IN EVENT OF US-UK SUSPENSION, AND FRENCH MIGHT QUESTION NEED NOW FOR ADDING ON CONSIDERABLY MORE CAPACITY REGARDLESS OF HOW THIS WAS PRESENTED. AIDE-MEMOIRE WE HAD RECEIVED LAST WEEK (REF C) WAS ADDITIONAL COMPLICATING FACTOR.

4. IN PRESENCE OF BROCK AND REBOURS WE PHONED ESPEROU, AND HE DID NOT SOUND VERY FORTHCOMING. WE DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS BEYOND NOTING CARRIER WAS HOPEFUL IT COULD TRANSFER LONDON TRAFFIC TO PARIS IN EVENT OF SUSPENSION US-UK

AIR SERVICE. ESPEROU SAID NATIONAL ALREADY HAD A PROGRAM (MIAMI-PARIS) WHICH THE FRENCH HAD APPROVED. WHEN WE NOTED THAT SUSPENSION, IF IT OCCURRED, WOULD MEAN DIVERSION OF CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC FROM LONDON AND ALTERNATIVE ARRANGMENTS HAD TO BE IN PLACE SO THAT TRAVELLING PUBLIC WOULD NOT BE TOO GREATLY INCONVENIENCED, ESPEROU REMARKED LACONICALLY THAT HE WAS SURE PASSENGERS WOULD FIND SOME WAY TO GET TO AND FROM LONDON.

5. IF HE IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM DGAC TODAY, WHICH WE CONSIDER HIGHLY UNLIKELY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BROCK INTENDS GO TO AMSTERDAM TOMORROW TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY REROUTING NATIONAL'S LONDON SERVICE THERE.

6. WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN WE HEAR FROM BROCK AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THIEBLEMONT.
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